

December 4, 2006

Ms. Tracie Billington
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Dear Ms. Billington:

I am writing on behalf of the joint application of the Regional Water Authority (RWA) and the Freeport Regional Water Authority (FRWA) as submitted by RWA. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the preliminary results of the Prop 50, Step 2 implementation grant application.

We are pleased with the initial results indicating that the grant administering agencies clearly recognize the value of our integrated regional projects. It has been brought to our attention by Harley Davis of your staff that we have participating agencies that currently do not have updated Urban Water Management Plans (UWMP) and that this issue may cause re-evaluation of the preliminary grant award recommendations.

I am writing to assure you that we are taking all possible steps to bring these plans into full compliance in early January 2007. Attached is a detailed spreadsheet indicating the status of each participating agency in the grant application required to submit a UWMP. As you can see, 6 of the 11 agencies have approved plans. Of the remaining 5 agencies, 3 are in direct communication with Kim Rosmaier of DWR to correct noted deficiencies and 2 agencies are expecting results of a review from DWR by December 15, 2006.

While we are confident that we will take all necessary steps and achieve full compliance, we are concerned with factors that may impact our schedule. First, we appreciate that your staff continue to have a heavy workload associated with this important program, which may result in significant delays. Additionally, we believe the upcoming holidays will cause some delays in communication. Because of these factors, we are requesting that we work closely together and maintain open communication prior to DWR making any final decisions regarding eligibility.

Please feel free to contact me directly (916-967-7692) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Swartz
Senior Project Manager
Regional Water Authority

Attachment

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